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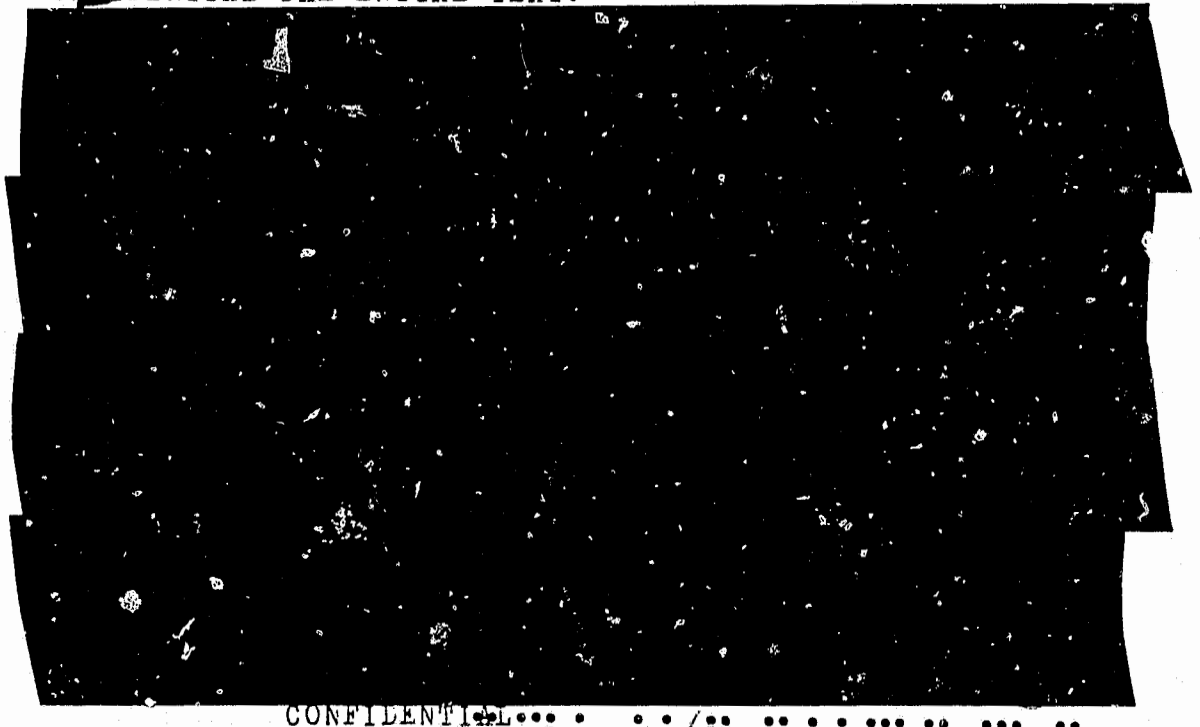

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3. ADDRESSING HIS COLLEAGUES IN PARLIAMENT, GILMOUR LATER DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH KUSA AND THE BASIS FOR HMG'S ACTION: "I CALLED MR. KUSA TO THE FCO TO TELL HIM THAT, IN VIEW OF HIS REMARKS, HIS PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY IS NO LONGER IN THE INTERESTS OF ANGLO-LIBYAN RELATIONS AND I ASKED HIM TO LEAVE. IN HIS STATEMENT ON MAY 12, HE HAD EMPHASIZED BRITAIN'S WISH TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH LIBYA. THAT REMAINS OUR POSITION, BUT WE ARE MAKING CLEAR THAT THE LIBYAN AUTHORITIES MUST

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UNDERSTAND WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE DONE UNDER THE LAW OF THE UK, AND THAT CRIMINAL ACTIONS IN THE UK MUST CEASE. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH OUR PARTNERS (THE EC-9) ABOUT THIS SERIOUS MATTER. THE DECLARING OF MR. KUSA PERSONA NON GRATA IS NOT A BREAKING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH AN EVENTUALITY. THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER AND I DO NOT WISH TO EXACERBATE IT IN ANY WAY."

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5. MUSA KUSA WAS BOTH UNREPENTANT OVER HIS STATEMENTS AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE MEDIA FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. HE TOLD THE TIMES THAT, "THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IF THEY CLOSE DOWN THE (PEOPLE'S) BUREAU EVERYTHING WILL BE FINISHED. I AM WILLING TO SAY HERE STRONGLY IT IS A MISTAKE. IT WILL CONTINUE." KUSA DENIED THE BUREAU HAD SMUGGLED WEAPONS INTO LONDON THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH, AND ADDED: "THERE ARE MANY CRIMINAL PEOPLE IN LONDON. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THEM BY ALL MEANS, BY SECURITY, BY GIVING THEM HIDING PLACES, BY GIVING THEM CARS." HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT, "I HEARD FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COURTS HERE THAT THEY HAD DECIDED TO KILL TWO MORE HERE. IF THEY STAY HERE THEY WILL BE KILLED HERE."

6. BY JUNE 14, SOME LIBYANS WERE BEGINNING TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS OF KUSA'S DISCLOSURES. THE BUREAU ISSUED A CLARIFICATION OF KUSA'S DISCLOSURES. THE BUREAU ISSUED CLARIFICATION OF KUSA'S ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH THE TIMES WHICH CLAIMED

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THAT KUSA "DID NOT SAY IN HIS DECLARATION THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES HAVE DECIDED TO ELIMINATE TWO LIBYANS ON BRITISH TERRITORY FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HE IS NOT VESTED WITH THE POWER TO DO SO, AS SUCH POWER IS VESTED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES." BUREAU CLARIFICATION SUGGESTED THE TIMES HAD MISUNDERSTOOD KUSA'S REFERENCE TO QADHAFI DECISION TO HALT LIQUIDATION OF DISSIDENTS AFTER ELIMINATION OF TWO PREVIOUS OPPOSITION FIGURES IN LONDON.

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7. PRESUMABLY AFTER CONSULTING WITH SUPERIORS IN TRIPOLI, KUSA AGREED TO COMPLY WITH EXPULSION ORDER. HE DEPARTED FOR MALTA JUNE 15, AND MONDAY NEWSPAPERS CARRIED PHOTO OF HIM ADDRESSING LIBYAN CROWD IN ST. JAMES SQUARE BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT. MONDAY'S GUARDIAN ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE THREE MEN WHO MAY BE TARGETS FOR LIBYAN HIT SQUADS WERE MAHMUD MAGHRIBI, FORMER LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH LIBYAN LAWYERS AND THE REMNANTS OF LIBYA'S TRADE UNION MOVEMENT;

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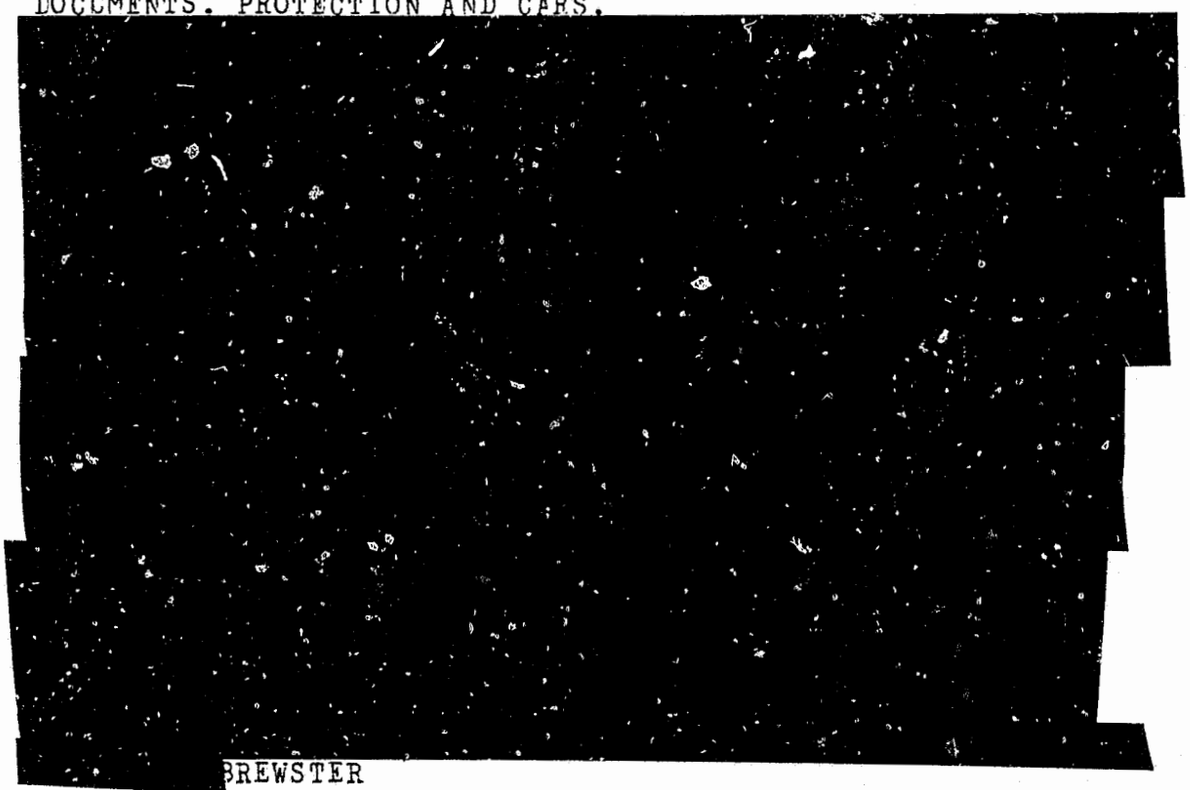
ADAH RAHMAN SUHLAYN, WHO REPORTEDLY COORDINATES THE ACTIVITIES OF THREE DISSIDENT ORGANIZATIONS (LIBYA NATIONAL UNION, LIBYA DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT AND THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE FOR LIBYA); AND "A FORMER LIBYAN OFFICIAL WHO GOES BY THE ASSUMED NAME OF RAMADANI SULTAN, THE NAME QUOTED BY LIBYAN OFFICIALS IN LONDON AND TRIPOLI WHEN THEY ACCUSED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF SECRETLY HELPING THE DISSIDENTS WITH VISAS, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, PROTECTION AND CARS."



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